

Sunday Bulletin  
January 29<sup>th</sup> 2023 – 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
Of Zacchaeus



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## STS Peter & Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Church



*We invite you to a celebration of  
 the Resurrection of Christ each week.*

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### **Of Zacchaeus**



#### **Troparion (Resurrection) - Tone 8**

You descended from on high, O Merciful One!  
 You accepted the three day burial to free us from our  
 sufferings!//  
 O Lord, our Life and Resurrection, glory to You!

**Glory ....**

#### **Troparion to Sts Peter & Paul**

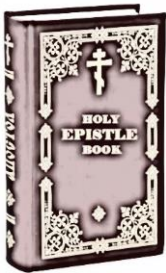
**Now and ever ....**

#### **Kontakion (Resurrection) - Tone 8**

By rising from the tomb, You raised the dead and  
 resurrected Adam. Eve exults in Your Resurrection,//  
 and the world celebrates Your rising from the dead, O  
 greatly Merciful One!

#### **Tone 8 Prokeimenon**

*Pray and make your vows / before the Lord, our God!*  
**Verse:** *In Judah God is known; His Name is great in Israel.*



### **The Reading is from the Letter of the Holy Apostle Paul to Timothy**

Brethren, this is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance. For to this end we both labor and suffer reproach, because we trust in the living God, who is the Savior of all men, especially of those who believe. These things command and teach. Let no one despise your youth, but be an example to the believers in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity. Till I come, give attention to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine. Do not neglect the gift that is in you, which was given to you by prophecy with the laying on of the hands of the eldership. Meditate on these things; give yourself entirely to them, that your progress may be evident to all.

### **Alleluia and Verses Tone 8**

*Come, let us rejoice in the Lord! Let us make a joyful noise to God our Savior! (Ps. 94:1)  
Let us come before His face with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise! (Ps. 94:2)*

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia



### **The reading is from the Gospel according to St. Luke**

Then Jesus entered and passed through Jericho. Now behold, there was a man named Zacchaeus who was a chief tax collector, and he was rich. And he sought to see who Jesus was, but could not because of the crowd, for he was of short stature. So he ran ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see Him, for He was going to pass that way. And when Jesus came to the place, He looked up and saw him, and said to him, "Zacchaeus, make haste and come down, for today I must stay at your house." So he made haste and came down, and received Him joyfully. But when they saw it, they all complained, saying, "He has gone to be a guest with a man who is a sinner." Then Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord, I give half of my goods to the poor; and if I have taken anything from anyone by false accusation, I restore fourfold." And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he also is a son of Abraham; for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost."

### **Communion Hymn**

Praise the Lord from the heavens! Praise Him in the highest! (Ps 148:1)  
I will receive the cup of salvation and call on the Name of the Lord.(Ps. 115:4)

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!



### **MEMORY ETERNAL**



Protopresbyter William Diakiw, Roberta Lynn Canyo, Pani-matka Sonia Diakiw, Dorothy Hutnyan, Joe Ewanish, Michael Woloschak, James Bobersky, Audrey Racz, Rev Fr Gregory Becker, Mary Ann, Mary Ann Owens, John Nicholas Visa, Alexandra Prychodczenko, Kateryna, Ihor Deyak, Thomas, Caterina Ulrich,  
All Who died during the war in Ukraine

## PRAYER LIST

PLEASE PRAY FOR HEALING, COMFORT, AND SPIRITUAL PEACE



Metropolitan Antony, Archbishop Daniel, Ann Klein, Lindsay Anderson, Mykola, Kathy Battisti, Arlene Hawryluk, Marilyn O'Leary, John & Helen Yurchyk, Dolly Mehalco, George, Ashley Woloschak, Alice Dobransky, Harold Owens, Dave Zylka, Marianne Carmack, Nicholas Yurchyk, Pauline Witkowsky, Eileen Maluk, Peter Anderson, Mary Ann Senediak, Albert Auden, Michael Gino Maluk, Boris & Kathleen Vuksanovich, Mykola Prychodczenko, Kathy Zebel,

People Suffering from the Corona Virus

All Ukrainian people who are suffering from the war

| OUR OFFERINGS TO THE LORD AS OF | On January 22    |
|---------------------------------|------------------|
| General:                        | <b>\$ 996.00</b> |
| Renovation:                     | <b>\$ 536.00</b> |
| Online Donations on Tithe.ly    | <b>\$ 40.00</b>  |



## Obituary



Very Reverend William "Fr. Bill" Diakiw, of Renfrew, passed away January 20, 2023, in his home with family by his side.

He was born in Chicago, Illinois on July 24, 1932, to Very Reverend William and Mary Bilan Diakiw. His father served as a priest in several churches before settling in McKees Rocks, Pa., where William graduated from high school in 1950. He went on to attend Duquesne University to study music. While in college, he was a member of a ten-piece dance band and sang in various churches in western Pennsylvania. When William felt God calling him to serve his Ukrainian Orthodox Church, he then attended St. Andrew's College of the University of Manitoba in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, to earn his Bachelor of Divinity Degree. A few years later, William earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Youngstown State University.

Bill married the love of his life, Sonia Ann Peltz, of Arnold, Pa., on August 28, 1955. Several weeks later at St. John's Ukrainian Orthodox Church (UOC) in Sharon, Pa., where his father was pastor, Bill was ordained into the diaconate by Archbishop Volodymyr of Detroit. In 1956, at Holy Virgin UOC in Arnold, Pa., Fr. Bill was ordained a priest by Archbishop Volodymyr. He was then assigned to the parish in Sharon, Pa. During his twelve years in Sharon, Fr. Bill directed the accomplishment of many projects including the remodel of the outside of the church building, expansion of the church school program, and liquidating the mortgage. He also worked at Sharon High School as a substitute teacher. In July 1968, Father, Pani Matka Sonia, and their three children moved to Lyndora, Pa. to serve SS. Peter and Paul UOC. During the next 22 years, Father was instrumental in the



remodeling and enlargement of the church, renovation of the Ukrainian Hall, the purchase of additional land, and the creative new idea of having a Ukrainian smorgasbord as a fund raiser. He encouraged the parishioners to become more involved in civic affairs. One memorable time was the 1976 Bicentennial Parade. Parishioners worked together to build an inspirational Ukrainian American float featuring a Pysanka and The Statue of Liberty, both over ten feet tall. While serving Lyndora parish, Father Bill was elevated to protopresbyter, which is the highest honor for a priest, by Metropolitan Mystyslav Skrypnyk from South Bound Brook, N.J.

In 1990, Father Bill was a member of the Metropolitan Council at our church center in South Bound Brook, N.J. He was elected to serve as vice-president and, later, president of the consistory, which is the administration office of our church. For 15 years, Father Bill dedicated his work to the improvement and growth of our Ukrainian Orthodox Church.

Father Bill was the pastor of Holy Trinity UOC in New Castle, Pa. upon his return to western Pennsylvania with Pani Matka Sonia at his side.

One of Father Bill's interests was music. He taught the parish choir many new hymns, in both Ukrainian and English. He shared that love with the Ukrainian Orthodox League (UOL) of the USA by preparing music in Ukrainian and English for various special events, often directing the group of faithful singers.

In addition to his pastoral duties, Father Diakiw served as spiritual advisor to the Ukrainian Orthodox League of the USA and All Saints Camp of the UOC for many years. As Chairman of the Diocesan Church School Commission, Fr. Bill wrote and translated various religious pamphlets. He organized the First Orthodox Church School Teachers Conference. A major enjoyment in Fr. Bill's life was to organize the first Church School Camp in 1975 for children ages 9-13 and continued to manage the program for several years. In 1978, Fr. Bill received the Metro Baran Award for his work with the youth. He was an active member of each deanery where his parish was located. He was always on the lookout for opportunities and outings for the faithful. Over the years, Father Diakiw received a number of accolades. One in particular was the honor of delivering the opening prayer to the United States Congress in Washington, DC. in 1965. Fr. Bill also supported and aided many as the Orthodox Chaplain at the Butler Veterans Administration Hospital.

Fr. Bill with Pani Matka Sonia at his side were a dynamic couple in their ministry through their love, counseling, and music. Witnessing them serve and sing together was a heartwarming experience.

Very Reverend William Diakiw was preceded in death by his loving and devoted wife of over 67 years, Sonia, who died 17 days earlier on January 3, 2023; his parents, Very Reverend William and Mary Diakiw; his uncle, John Bilan; his brother, Nicholas Diakiw ; one nephew, Derek Diakiw, and a son-in-law, Patrick Roach.

Fr. Bill ("Gigi") is survived by his three children: Deborah Sonia Roach of Harrisonburg, Va., William "Ted" Diakiw of Beavercreek, Ohio, and Lydia Ann Rudolf (Mark) of Butler; eight grandchildren, Arianna Rock Speer (Carter), Jessica Roach Snyder (JR), Ethan Rock, Zachary Diakiw, Rachel Diakiw, Rebekah Roach, Joshua Roach, and Kathleen Rudolf; and two great grandchildren, Cooper Rock and Tucker Rock.

Divine Liturgy and completion of the funeral service were held on Saturday at Sts Peter & Paul Church in Lyndora, with Metropolitan Antony, Archbishop Daniel, and Father Yurii Bobko officiating, along with fellow priests, deacons, and seminarians.

Interment took place at North Side Cemetery, Butler.



## Getting to know our Sunday School students better

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**Hello!**

**My name is Samuel Goodge**

**I am 13 years old.**

**My beloved parents are Zenia and Joe!**

**My favorite holiday is Thanksgiving because I get to eat a lot of food.**

**My hobby is band.**

**I dream of being a professional musician.**

**One of my favorite memories is getting my drum set.**

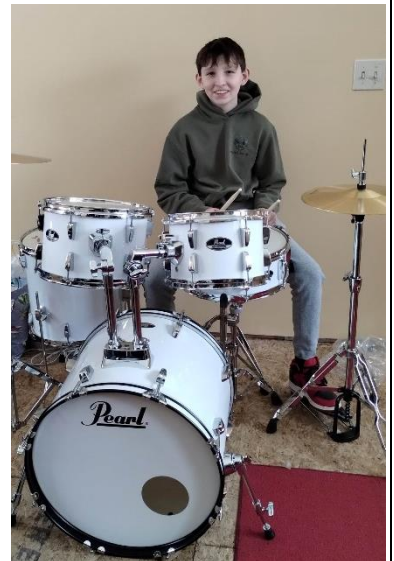
**I like my church because it is a place where all I have to think about is GOD.**

**I also want you to know that I am in boy scouts.**



**I have rabbits, chickens, and goats!.**

**My favorite sport is soccer.**



**Our parishioner Gayle Woloschak in Volos**

**Blessing of the waters at Mill Creek Park with local Orthodox clergy from the Youngstown area. Jan 22, 2023**



**Q&A: WHAT DOES THE STORY OF ZACCHAEUS TEACH US??**

*Zacchaeus teaches us that when you make a solid effort to experience Jesus, you are rewarded. It means seeking him with all your heart and doing everything he would have you do!*

**HOW DID JESUS SHOW LOVE TO ZACCHAEUS?**

*Jesus said: "Go your way; your faith has made you well." Zacchaeus was very joyful, but the crowd grumbled that Jesus was making friend with a sinner. After arriving at Zacchaeus house, he said to Jesus that he will give half of his goods to the poor and return in fourfold to those he has cheated.*





# Liturgical Schedule & Feast Days

Please contact Fr Mykola to schedule Prayer Services - 330-799-3830

## SERVICE AND FEAST DAY SCHEDULE

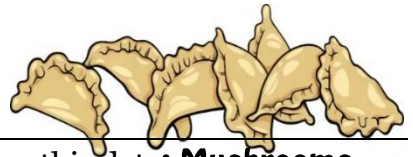
- Sunday, Jan 29, 9:30 AM–Divine Liturgy **33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday.**
- Sunday, Feb 5, 9:30 AM–Divine Liturgy **Sunday of Publican and Pharisee Youth Sunday. Panachyda service after the Liturgy.**
- Sunday, Feb 12, 9:30 AM–Divine Liturgy **Sunday of Prodigal Son**
- Sunday, Feb 19, 9:30 AM–Divine Liturgy **Meatfare Sunday, of Last Judgment**
- Sunday, Feb 26, 9:30 AM–Divine Liturgy **Cheasefare Sunday, of Forgiveness**

### BEGINNING OF THE GREAT LENT

#### Upcoming dates & events

- After Jan 19- *Blessing of the Houses after the Theophany*
- Starting Feb **Coffee Hour.** Downstairs in the Church after Sunday Liturgy starting in February.
- Feb 5 **Youth Sunday**
- Feb 11 **CHANGED: "100 Anniversary" meeting at the center**
- Feb 27 **Beginning Of The Great Lent**
- Mar 18 **UOL Lenten Retreat** (time & location to be determined)

## PYROHIES SALE SCHEDULE



February Order by: Monday, February 6 - Special on this date: **Mushrooms**  
Work date: February 8-9  
Pick-up on: Friday, February 10, from 9:00 am – noon

Potato & Cheese, Potato Onion, Kraut or Potato & Kraut **\$8.00 a dozen**

For orders please **CALL** or **TEXT: (234) 247-1534 Anna**





# Happy BIRTHDAY



1 Diané Malys  
2 Mary Senediak  
2 Beverly Henry  
2 Ruth Graves  
11 Brookly Ava Antonia  
Yuschak  
12 Stephen Inchak

17 Olivia Lanise Zets  
18 Erika Mark  
20 Robert Kline  
20 Dobr Ginny Yavorskyy  
24 Jeffrey Senediak  
25 Greg Pupa  
26 Alice Dobransky  
27 Nicholas Anderson  
27 David Anderson  
31 Jackleen Buzzelli

**May the Lord continue to bless you abundantly and keep you safe in his loving care. On your birthday, enjoy His divine presence in your life. Have a happy and holy birthday.**

*- Your Church Family*



## On Zacchaeus

Nobody likes to pay taxes. The people of first-century Palestine were no different; however, the Jews of that time had additional reasons to dislike paying taxes, for their money went to support the Romans, pagan foreigners who occupied their land. It was collected by their fellow Jews who had gone over to the other side, who were viewed as traitors because they worked for the enemy.

If that were not bad enough, the tax-collectors were thieves, collecting more than was required so that they could live in luxury from the oppression of their neighbors. Zacchaeus was apparently one of the worst offenders, for he was a chief tax collector and was very rich. He was a short little man who, for reasons we do not know,

wanted to see Jesus Christ. He could not see over the crowd, so he climbed a sycamore tree in order to get a better view. That must have been quite a sight: the tiny little tax-collector (whom everyone hated) up in a tree so that he could see a passing rabbi.

Even more shocking was the Lord's response when He saw this man: "Zacchaeus, make haste and come down, for today I must stay at your house." Jewish religious leaders would have nothing at all to do with people like Zacchaeus, but this Messiah was different. He blessed Zacchaeus with His presence, and the tax-collector received the Lord joyfully in his home.

Of course, others noticed what was happening. A man who presents Himself as the Messiah has gone to be a guest in the home of a notorious traitor and thief. No self-respecting righteous Jew would ever do something like that. He would be defiled by going into his house and eating with him. But before Christ says anything in response to the critics, Zacchaeus repents. He accepts the truth about himself, that he is a criminal exploiter of the needy. He says that he will give half of what he owns to the poor and will restore four-fold what he stole from others. He says that he will make right the wrongs he had committed. In that moment, this wretched man began to turn his life around. Jesus Christ, as He always did and still does, accepts the sincere repentance of the sinner, proclaiming that salvation has come to this son of Abraham, for He came to seek and to save that which was lost.

This memorable story demonstrates the generosity of our God. To be generous is to give freely and abundantly; it is not to be stingy or reluctant to bless. Zacchaeus did not even have to ask for the love, forgiveness, and mercy of the Lord. All that he did was to climb a tree out of curiosity, but that was enough to begin to open himself to the overwhelming generosity of Christ.

The Savior did not shout words of condemnation to this man. He did not judge him in any way. Instead, He blessed him with His attention and care. When others complained about what a sinner Zacchaeus was, the Lord did not join in the criticism, perhaps because this dishonest tax-collector already knew that he was a crook. Instead, the Lord let Zachaeus respond in freedom to His generosity. He let him open his heart and soul to a divine love that is beyond the mere observance of a law and knows no human limit.

We can see that Zacchaeus got the point, for his response to Christ's generosity transformed him. The one who previously was greedy and selfish became a living icon of the abundant love of God, freely giving half of what he owned to the poor and restoring what he had stolen four-fold. No one told him what to do; no one required him to take these actions. No one had to because he had been transformed by the mercy, love, and gracious abundance of our Lord, God, and Savior Jesus Christ. He had received a generous blessing and then became a generous blessing to others.

Zacchaeus stands as a wonderful example of repentance because he spontaneously and freely entered into the life of Christ. His actions shine brightly with the love and holiness of the Lord, which is quite strange because only a few minutes ago we spoke of him as a

notorious, hated sinner. His amazing transformation reminds us that salvation is not a reward that we earn or a matter of what we deserve. Instead, our faith is about the mercy and grace of a God Who wants to share His life with us, Who stops at nothing to bring us into the eternal communion of the Holy Trinity. Sometimes it is those who have hit rock bottom, who know their own sins so well that they do not need to be reminded of them, who in their humility receive our Lord's generous mercy so completely and fully that they become powerful living proof of what God can do for even the most wretched human being.

King David, guilty of murder and adultery, became a man after God's own heart. Saul the persecutor of Christians became St. Paul, the missionary to the Gentiles and author of so much of the New Testament. Mary of Egypt was a truly wicked woman who fled to the desert in repentance and became a great saint. Recall also the thief on the cross who asked the Savior to remember him in His kingdom.

A harsh, stingy, judgmental god would not make saints of such people. He would punish or destroy them. The good news is that the true God does not relate to us on the basis of our accomplishments or virtue, but in terms of His unbounded love, mercy, and forgiveness. Our salvation is a matter of receiving His generosity, of accepting His abundant blessing. The miserable Zacchaeus did that and we can too. But truly to receive Him is not simply to pray certain words or feel a certain way; neither is it simply a matter of coming to church services or following religious rules.

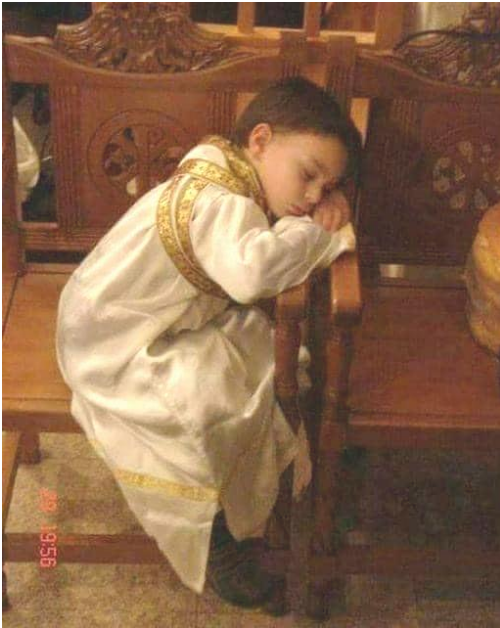


The Lord's boundless love must penetrate to the core of our being and become characteristic of our lives, if we are to share in His. Love for God and for neighbor must shine through our actions and words and purify our thoughts. If we have stolen and hoarded money, we must give it back generously. If we have ignored or neglected others, must learn to love them as Christ has loved us. If we have thought only about ourselves, we must learn to love our neighbors as ourselves.

Yes, that is our repentance: to become an open channel for God's merciful generosity in this world. He is the vine and we are the branches. And since the Father gave His only-begotten Son for our salvation, there are no limits to the mercy and love we are called to embody. We did not ask Christ to be born in a manger or baptized in the river Jordan for our salvation. We did not ask Him to die on the cross, to rise again, or to ascend into heaven. But He still did so, out of His unfathomable love for those who abandoned and betrayed Him. The only proper response to this divine love is to be transformed by it as we become a living and breathing icon of the unlimited generosity that is the only hope of the world.

The Savior has come to us all, as he did to Zacchaeus. No matter what we have done or left undone, it is time to respond like he did, joyfully receiving Christ and allowing our lives to be fulfilled by the generous mercy of the Lord, and then showing that same mercy for others. Such true, sincere, humble repentance is the only way to the Kingdom of Heaven. The point is not to wallow in guilt, but to move forward in holiness. It is not to follow a legal code, but to enter into a blessed new life. That is how salvation will come to our houses, for “the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost.”

*By Fr. Philip LeMasters*



## **Let your children come to church**

Let your children come to church, even if they are going to sleep there, even if they are going to play and eat in the church, even if they come late, even if they talk and make noise.

It's just enough that they came to the church instead of going elsewhere! They interrupted their sleep and came to the church! They left their games and came to the church! Today they are playing and joking, tomorrow they're going to pray and sing, and the day after that they will serve God!

Don't be upset with the child, no matter what they do. Don't interrupt that passion they have for the church. Please be kind to children and teach them patience, compassion and wisdom. Showered them with your smiles! Give them presents! Hug them with passion!

Encourage them, and let them know that we are so happy that they are in church with us. Today they are emotionally uniting with church, tomorrow they will do that spiritually.

In spite of everything that we have our children are priceless. Our Lord Jesus Christ blessed the children, hugged them and told them to stand in the middle of everybody, so we can give them our unconditional attention and devotion!!!